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**Dave and Charlie Talk This Matter Over Seriously.
Read What They Have to Say.**

**Be sure you read and study the C.C.F. Speakers Handbook
which accompanies this pamphlet.**

SCENE: ANYWHERE IN SASKATCHEWAN

Dave.—How are things out your way?

Charlie.—Very good; getting good prices these days.

D.—How are you going to vote, Charlie?

C.—I don't know, but I've been thinking perhaps it is time to try something new.

D.—Do you think you will improve things by changing to Socialism?

C.—I haven't thought about it much, but I've been hearing a lot about the C.C.F.

D.—Do you mean that you are inclined towards the Socialists? Do you realize where that leads?

C.—The C.C.F.'ers are talking about a new order, and we certainly do not want to repeat our experiences of the drought and depression years.

D.—Does the fact that we went through hard times in those years prove that the whole social and economic system is wrong?

IS SOCIALISM THE SOLUTION?

C.—Maybe not, but then, we should have more security.

D.—That's all right, Charlie, but do we have to scrap the whole system to get that security? Do you believe that Socialism is the cure?

C.—You talk as though the C.C.F. and Socialism are the same thing.

D.—They are. Read the last paragraph of the Regina Manifesto of 1933:

"No C.C.F. Government will rest content until it has eradicated Capitalism and put into operation the full program of Socialized planning which will lead to the establishment in Canada of the Co-operative Commonwealth."

COMPLETE SOCIALISM IF ELECTED

C.—But that only says, "Socialized planning"; that does not necessarily mean Socialism—not the Socialism like they have over in Europe.

D.—Now, look here, Charlie, you remember, or perhaps you have heard about the Handbook for Speakers which was issued about the same time as the Regina Manifesto. Here's the answer to your question on page 9:

"Q. Does this political party consider that this objective so stated gives us a mandate to bring into operation Socialism if elected?"

"A. Yes."

C.—That is certainly an admission that they are Socialists alright, but surely they don't intend to put Europe's Socialism into effect in Canada?

D.—I wouldn't want you to get the idea that I believe that the C.C.F.'ers are not trying to improve conditions. Undoubtedly among them you will find those with sincere convictions. But I do resent their "holier than thou" attitude. I, too, am sincere. They certainly do intend to introduce Socialism on a national basis.

C.—We can give them a trial; I can't see where it is going to make much difference to me personally.

SOCIALIZATION OF THE LAND

D.—Well, the Regina C.C.F. Manifesto provides for the Socialization of all the natural resources, and you as a farmer must realize that the greatest resource we have is the land.

C.—I own my farm and I don't understand how C.C.F. Socialists are going to get hold of it.

D.—But, Charlie, you should not make up your mind before you see what the C.C.F. intends to do. It's right here in the C.C.F. Handbook for Speakers, at page 17:

"The owner of heavily mortgaged land may apply to the Government for a revaluation of that land. The land would then be taken over by the Province. . . . He will be given a 'use-hold title'. The 'use-hold title' will secure to him the use of the land as long as he wants to use it."

C.—But that's not the C.C.F. Socialist policy now.

D.—I'll grant you that they don't talk about it as much as before. It didn't prove very popular, but it has never been officially declared that the idea has been abandoned. At the last session of the Provincial Legislature (1944) the C.C.F. Member for Touchwood declared that the "use-lease" was still the party policy, and there was no contradiction from the C.C.F. Members in the House.

C.—I'm certainly not in favor of my farm being Socialized.

D.—That's the reason I have never favored the Socialists, and I do not like the new idea they are putting forward any better, "collectivized farming".

THE RUSSIAN SYSTEM IN CANADA

C.—You are not trying to tell me that the C.C.F. plans to introduce the system tried in Russia in this country.

D.—The C.C.F. discussed **Collectivized Farming** at their Winter School at Saskatoon this past winter, and Mr. Colin Cameron, M.L.A. for Comox, B.C., who was an instructor at the school, wrote about it in the C.C.F. News of Vancouver, when he returned from there, as follows:

"Very little opposition was voiced to the principle of collectivism, but several members pointed out, quite rightly, the difficulties of presenting the idea acceptably to the majority of the farming population. . . . There was, however, general agreement that more thought must be given to the question and that discussion of it must be promoted among farmers."

C.—Maybe that's just one man's views. That doesn't prove that the C.C.F. has this plan for all Canada.

TALKING IT IN OTHER PROVINCES, TOO

D.—Go slow there a minute, Charlie. They are talking Collectivism in other provinces as well. It's in the C.C.F. Manifesto in British Columbia. They call them "Co-operative" farms.

C.—Is that so? I didn't know that.

D.—They have the same idea in Alberta. You've heard of William Irvine often enough in the past twenty years. At

the Alberta C.C.F. Convention Mr. Irvine, who is associate editor of the People's Weekly, the C.C.F. paper in Alberta, introduced a resolution from the Provincial Board on higher standards of living in rural areas. This resolution set forth that these would be "comparatively easy of attainment were farming organized on a co-operative or collective basis", and argued that they would be hard to get "while individualism characterizes the agricultural set-up".

ONTARIO C.C.F.'ERS ADVOCATE COLLECTIVISM

C.—Maybe that's just a western idea. They can't make that work unless it's all over Canada.

D.—Well, they're talking that way in Ontario, too. B. E. Leavens, M.P.P., Toronto-Woodbine, business manager of the New Commonwealth, C.C.F. official paper for Ontario, is the leader of a strong group in the C.C.F. in that province. This group, through a spokesman, P. Crowley, recently said:

"Nearly all farmers in Canada are in favor of Soviet Russia's system, Collectivism. The C.C.F. will, when elected to power, bring about a radical transformation of the thought and will of the farmers and workers. We hope to remove all grounds for individual ownership of farms, factories, in fact all means of production and religious sentiments and ideas."

TRY TO ALLAY FARMERS' FEARS

C.—Hold on, there! Didn't you notice that an Ontario C.C.F. Convention in Toronto took the stand that the farms should be owned by the farmers?

D.—Sure, but that was only after the farmers of Ontario became alarmed at the statements of C.C.F. intention made by powerful groups within the C.C.F. in that province. That's only to allay the farmers' suspicions. That's the trouble with the C.C.F.; no one seems to know what they intend to do. But there are times when some of their leaders let the cat out of the bag. You remember what Harold Winch, M.L.A., C.C.F. leader in B.C., said at Calgary. He declared that the C.C.F. would bring Socialism in, should they be elected, and enforce it by the use of military and police. He said that if Capitalism said, "No", that the C.C.F. knew the answer—so did Russia. Mr. Winch also says that the C.C.F. is a militant revolutionary party.

C.—It looks as though the C.C.F. is planning to do something about collectivizing the farms, alright, but you haven't convinced me that there would be no merit in such a system.

D.—What! You mean to tell me you are ready to let your farm be included in a collective farm and you and your family are going to take orders from an overseer who will tell you what your job on the farm will be? Do you want the boss to tell you whether you run the tractor, feed the pigs, milk the cows or clean out the stable?

C.—I'll be darned if I will!

D.—Well, that's collectivism, and that's totalitarianism or regimentation. Here you have it (page 5), right at the start of the Handbook for Speakers:

"Objective: The social ownership of all resources and the machinery of wealth production to the end that we may establish a Co-operative Commonwealth in which the basic principle, regulating

production, distribution and exchange, will be supplying of human needs instead of the making of profits."

That plainly shows you that you will have to give up your farm and sacrifice your individual freedom.

C.—That's all very well, Dave, but you have not proven the point that the C.C.F. Socialists in Saskatchewan are going to collectivize the land.

COLLECTIVIZED FARMS FOR SASKATCHEWAN

D.—You forget, Charlie, that the question of collectivizing farms was discussed at the C.C.F. Winter School at Saskatoon this year. They agreed that it was not opportune yet to propose the immediate collectivization of farms, but that the farmers should be educated to it. To me that means that the ultimate aim is to collectivize farms after the farmers are persuaded to believe that it will be good for them.

C.—What's wrong with persuading them?

D.—Well, would you be satisfied with Mr. Winch's kind of persuasion? As a matter of fact, **Mr. Cameron criticized the C.C.F. official position** with regard to the place of the family farm, at the Winter School at Saskatoon, **declaring that such a position was an illogical one for Socialists to take and that in actual practice they would have to SOONER OR LATER ACCEPT THE IDEA OF COLLECTIVISM IN AGRICULTURE as in other forms of production.**

C.—But I have title to my farm, what they call a Torrens title. The Torrens title should protect me. It is issued by the Land Titles Office and guaranteed by the Government.

D.—Yes, it should. Under what the C.C.F. call Capitalism you have something in that title which is credit and above all is security to you. Under the C.C.F. plan you will either accept the "use-lease" which they offer you if your farm is mortgaged or you can hold on to your Torrens title, provided the C.C.F. Socialists do not "collectivize" the farms. In that event you will be in the same boat with the use-lease holders.

SECURITY FOR TIME BEING ONLY

C.—But the C.C.F. says it will not interfere with the man holding a Torrens title.

D.—He will be interfered with.

C.—Why do you say that?

D.—Turn to the top of page 16 of the C.C.F. Handbook. Here's what it says:

"Q. What method would you adopt in dealing with land when a certain amount of agricultural land is socialized and a certain amount is not?"

"A. The essential thing about farming is not the land itself but the production. . . . You set up a State Marketing Board. Every farmer is treated the same whether he holds the land under a lease or not. He produces for use and not for profit."

C.—Then, what I produce is all that matters and I might just as well give up my Torrens title.

LIBERALS PROVIDE SECURITY

D.—That's what I have been telling you. We will all be socialized if we let the C.C.F. form a Government. On the other hand, the Liberal policy is founded on the principle of

making it possible for the farmer to own his land and remain in possession and control of his land. The Liberals have made it possible for you to keep your title—your Torrens title that secures to you the right to ownership of the farm or the home in the city, or the right to dispose of it, as you see fit. The Liberal Government of Saskatchewan gave the farmers security in the possession of their farms when in 1941 they made it the law that the farmer could take the first returns from his crop for the livelihood of himself and family, feed for his stock and seed for the next year's operations before meeting any of his other obligations, and before these obligations came the payment of taxes, so that the municipality and school district could operate. What better security can anyone wish for than that?

C.—Well, Dave, I'll have to admit that conditions have greatly improved since we have had Liberal Governments in power in both the province and at Ottawa, say since 1934.

CAN WE RISK EXPERIMENTING ?

D.—No doubt about it. Don't you think we would be very foolish to risk an experiment at this time? Socialism is only an unproven theory, and if we elect the C.C.F. they intend to scrap the present economic system and experiment with Socialism. **Such a change would retard the progress for many years.**

C.—I'm glad we've had this talk, Dave, because all we've been hearing of a political character since the outbreak of the war has been the arguments of the C.C.F. I have to admit, while my own position looked black a few years ago, I'm in pretty good shape today and I have profited from the policies of both the Liberal Governments. **I'm getting a good price for my wheat and my livestock and I'm not paying the prices I had to in the last war for the things I have to buy.**

D.—Yes, I'm in much better shape too, and you know, Charlie, I often grouse, myself, at some of the restrictions that we have to cope with due to the war. But we've got to win this war, and that comes first, even though we have to put up with some controls. One sure thing, while I'm not kicking too hard against them now, **I don't want them continued any longer than is necessary after the war is won.** What I can't stomach in the C.C.F. policy is their idea of planning boards and boards of experts and state marketing boards and so on. To me that means that the farmer is going to be hedged around with more controls than he has now.

WE'VE GOT TO WIN THE WAR

C.—Yes, Dave, we've got to win this war. Perhaps this idea of the C.C.F. changing everything over to Socialism while we are still fighting the war might have the effect of making it stretch out longer. We want to get it through with as soon as we can.

D.—And, Charlie, there would not be much gained if we won the war against those aggressor nations who want to destroy democracy and here at home we allowed Socialism to get control of us.

CANADA'S PROUD WAR EFFORT

C.—It looks as though the war will be won, and do you know, Dave, I'm mighty proud to be a Canadian when I see what this country with only twelve million people has done?

D.—Yes, isn't it wonderful?

C.—I read what Madam Chiang Kai-Shek said when she visited Ottawa and spoke to the Canadian people.

D.—What was that?

C.—She said that Canada had contributed more to the war effort per capita than any other member of the United Nations.

D.—Yes, and Mr. Churchill said the same thing.

C.—Did you hear over the radio what Walter Winchell said about Canada's war effort? He compared the Canadian war effort with that of the United States and stated that Canada in some ways had done more. It sure was great talk! He thinks Canada will emerge from the war as one of the very great powers and at the crossroads of world air travel. Winchell stated that Canada was second only to the United States in building cargo ships. The United Nations have got the U-boat beaten and those cargo ships will be available to take our products to the starving people of Europe and the rest of the world, once the war is won. **We in Saskatchewan have got to have markets for our products.** We all know that. We've got the products and we can continue to grow them and produce them, **but we must have markets in which to sell.** We sure can't eat all we produce here. Free world trade is what the whole world must have. **We must have the spirit and intent of the Atlantic Charter in operation among nations.**

GOOD JOB IN SASKATCHEWAN

D.—Not only has the Federal Liberal Government made a whale of a good job of the war effort, but our own Liberal Government in Saskatchewan has done a lot for each one of us. **After all, it is the policies and laws of the province that mostly affect and govern our daily lives.**

D.—I guess, Charlie, you remember all the noise there was about heavy farm debt a few years ago. The Liberal Government right here in Saskatchewan has done a great job for us in the matter of debt adjustment. First of all, there was the blanket debt adjustment in the drought area, then there was the Debt Adjustment Board, and the adjustments made by the Local Government Board, and then there was the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement act. **I see that under these various facilities there has been a total debt reduction of \$205,000,000.**

C.—It sure has been a good job, and those figures don't tell the whole story, either, for there are the adjustments which were made voluntarily without using any of those facilities, and I know of several adjustments made between individual farmers as well. Take in my own case; for a while I was at my wits' end, and I got an adjustment. It gave me another chance. Now, with better prices for my products, my debts are no longer my chief worry, and in another year I can see myself cleared up on everything. Under the C.C.F. plan, having had my debts adjusted I would have to surrender the title to my land and accept a use-lease instead.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES IN ORDER

D.—The financial position of the province itself is greatly changed. There is no new taxation and Premier Patterson announced in the Legislature that new services calling for an expenditure of over three and a quarter million dollars were planned in the coming year. For the life of me I cannot see anything very much wrong with an administration which has succeeded in turning yearly deficits into yearly surpluses; which has reduced the public debt, lowered the interest charges on the debt, increased the services to the people, **all without any new taxation since 1937.**

C.—It's about time I was getting along, Dave, but I think it is a good idea for a couple of fellows to get together and talk things over.

D.—I've got to get along too, because there are the chores to do and I have a bunch of pigs that are going to be ready for market in a week or ten days. Never thought I'd be a chambermaid for the hogs a few years ago, but, believe me, they have been good business and paid me well. They are the "Bacon for Britain" and they need it over there. It's helping to win the war, so why should I complain?

THE POST-WAR PLANS ARE MADE

C.—The Missus was talking the other night about things in the future, and she told me that she had been listening to the radio and she heard about the **free cancer treatment** which the Provincial Department of Public Health is starting in May. She had something to say about **health insurance**, too, and the women down our way are all talking about these things. This provincial health scheme which is to be put in operation as soon as the federal law is passed **is going to be a wonderful thing for the people in the rural parts of the province.**

D.—By the way, Charlie, our boy wrote us a short time ago that he had met your Bob somewhere in Italy a couple of months ago. I guess they are having a hot time of it over there but in spite of that they are talking rehabilitation when they get back. I'm glad to see that both the Federal and Provincial Governments are well advanced with post-war planning. With all these new social services being put into effect and the assistance which they are going to give the boys when they come back, it will be much easier getting started for them than it was for you and I after the last war. After what the boys will have seen of National Socialism in Europe and how it worked and got those countries into an awful mess, they wouldn't be pleased to find Socialism had been introduced while they were away.

VOTE LIBERAL AND BE SECURE

C.—We're both thinking along the same line now. After this little talk I'm satisfied that the Liberal way is the best and safest way. The Liberals have done a good job for us and I'm going to help them to do it in the future.

D.—That's fine, Charlie. I'll be seeing you again and I'm glad there will be two more Liberal votes piled into the Liberal majority on election day. So long!

C.—So long! Give my regards to the Missus.

